

Trees and Leaves Activities for Thursday

On the Move

Branch Buttoning

Make the branches around your home beautiful!

Materials:

- Large buttons
- Small branches

Instructions:

1. Provide your child with the buttons and a small branch from a tree.
2. Instruct your child to string each button onto the branch through the holes.
3. The finished product can be displayed as an art piece in your home, or the buttons can be removed, and the branch can be saved to repeat this activity at another time.

Adventures Online

Shedding Fall Leaves

Enjoy this informational video to learn why trees shed their leaves in the Fall.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VrCkIC7rYyw>

Sensory Time

Nature Bottles

Explore nature through these natural sensory bottles.

Materials:

- Empty and clean plastic water bottles
- Tree items (leaves, branches, twigs, pine straw, acorns, etc.)
- Container
- Tape

Instructions:

1. From the nature hunt, gather tree items and place them in a container
2. Fill the water bottles with tree items & secure lids onto bottles with tape.
3. Encourage your child to shake the bottle and listen to the sounds the tree items make.

Story Time

Let It Fall!

Discover all the things we see in the Fall.

Read Aloud: <https://youtu.be/IB3J9oJGV0w>

Arts and Creativity

Fall Leaf Collage

Create a masterpiece of a collage of Fall leaves.

Materials:

- Leaves

- Glue
- Paper

Instructions:

1. Go outside and encourage your child to search for different types of leaves (red, brown, green, big, little, torn, etc.).
2. Spread the glue on the paper and place the leaves onto the paper.
3. Talk to your child about the similarities & differences on their leaf collage and find a place to hang your “Fall Décor”.